

THE WHIG STANDARD.



"Flag of the Free! thy folds shall fly,
The sign of hope and triumph high."

FOR PRESIDENT,
HENRY CLAY,
OF KENTUCKY.

WASHINGTON.

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 5, 1844.

THE ISSUE ALREADY BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

The proceedings of the House on Wednesday settled at least one of the issues to be presented to the people during the next Presidential canvass. After the vote upon Doctor Duncan's bill to divorce the Government from the banks, (a mere clap-net expression,) or, in plain English, to re-establish the Sub-Treasury, there remains no doubt of the fact that the Old Hunkers are resolved to sink or swim with that odious and thrice condemned measure upon their backs. Van Buren, the Sub-Treasury, a standing army of 200,000 men, no protection to American industry—these were some of the issues upon which the canvass of 1840 was carried on. These were some of the issues upon which the people rendered their verdict. Do the Old Hunkers desire a second trial of them by the same jury? If so, agreed. They alleged that the jury—the people were bribed—that they were intoxicated with hard cider, and made mad with patriotic songs; well, if they think the people more honest now than they charged them with being then, more sober, and less inclined to sing patriotic songs, we are content; we have confidence in them, and do not believe any of the libels uttered against them by the Globe, Richmond Enquirer, and other papers of a similar stamp. We cannot see, in the first place, how the Whigs could have procured money enough to bribe some hundred and fifty thousand unpurchasable Democrats, unless they were to be bought very low—for a few coppers a piece—and we have too good an opinion of the Democracy to believe they hold themselves so cheap.

No: the Globe and its co-laborers do the people gross injustice—nay, heap foul calumny upon them. The verdict which they rendered against Mr. Van Buren, his Sub-Treasury, his scheme of a grand standing army, his other standing army of office holders, defaulter, leg-treasurers, and Swartwouters, was an honest, sober-minded, deliberate, well-weighed verdict of condemnation; such an one as they will again render upon a second trial of the same issues. Nor will they be less likely to renew their verdict of 1840 by being told by such disinterested advocates as Blair, Ritchie, and Crosswell, that they were a set of dolts, dunderheads, fools, madmen, inebriates, bribed miscreants, and false-hearted knaves, who got drunk on cider, and became crazy with singing. We fear these staid, sober, truth-loving editors will never be able to persuade the people that they were guilty of the heinous offences laid to their charge; nay, verily, we strongly apprehend that if the people were read in 1840, that they will be "as mad as March hares" in 1844; that if they went crazy with song-singing then, they will become frantic by the same means during the coming season; for already there are sundry song-books published, (and there was not one so early as this four years ago,) containing many an enticing and right merrie song, which, when sung by a good, full Whig choir, lifteth up the spirit, and maketh the heart glad. We know these songs have a contrary effect upon some, whom, instead of cheering, they sadden extremely.—This only proves the old adage to be true, namely, that what is one man's meat is another's poison.

"AT THE BLOCK."

The dominant party in the House of Representatives yesterday, consummated another act of petty meanness by the removal of Mr. W. J. McCormick, as Postmaster of the House, an office which he has filled for many years without even the shadow of a shade of a complaint in his official capacity. We would advise them to proceed one step further, and go into an election for a new apple and cake seller for the House; it won't take long to accomplish it under party drill, and it is but in keeping with what they have already done.

The Supreme Court of the United States meets in this city on Monday next, being the second Monday in January.

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—This body assembled at Harrisburg on the 2d inst. Mr. SNOWDEN (Loco) of Venango, was elected Speaker of the House by a vote of 56 to 41, over Mr. TOLAND, of Philadelphia. In the Senate Mr. BIGLER, of Clearfield, was unanimously re-elected Speaker of the Senate.

DEVELOPMENTS!!

We observe the following notice in the Ohio Statesman of the 23d ult., published at Columbus Ohio, in that State.

"What can the matter be." Do the Ohio Democrats begin to look about for "a plank or a hen coop," as the Madisonian says, to fly from a sinking ship?

(From the Ohio Statesman.)
DEMOCRATIC CASS MEETING,
AT THE CAPITOL OF OHIO.

The political friends of General Lewis Cass, the adopted son of Ohio, the tried soldier, patriot, and statesman, will meet at the City Hall, in Columbus, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 6 o'clock P. M.

The assembly will be addressed by the following gentlemen:

HON. WILSON SHANNON,
DAVID E. DISNEY,
RUFUS P. SPALDING,
WILLIAM SAWYER,
GEORGE W. MANYPENNY.

And perhaps others.

All are invited to attend, who wish well to "the man who is the choice of the people for the Presidency."

Let there be a rush in honor of "old Wakatomaka!"

MANY DEMOCRATS.

In connexion with the above notice for a Democratic Cass meeting, we clip the following extract from the letter of the senior editor to the publishers of the Cincinnati Gazette, dated,

"Columbus, Dec. 27, 1843.

"Gentlemen: Last night the Cass meeting came off at the old theatre, now called the City Hall. It was numerous and attended. The proceedings were rich in incident, and conclusive as to the want of harmony in the ranks of 'Democracy.' Shannon was mild as a summer morning, but of opinion that Van Buren could not carry Ohio, and that Cass could."

"Spalding was sure and bitter upon his political associates—first thrusting on this side, then on that—sparing none. In his view, Van Buren was very weak, not only in Ohio, but in the other States. He read a letter from Pennsylvania, expressing the opinion that as between Clay and Van Buren in that State, Clay would get 2,000 majority. Col. Sawyer also spoke, but what he said, rumor has not brought to my ear. Many sent an eloquent letter, instead of coming up to scratch himself. It was for Cass, it is said. Delanzon Smith was loudly called for, but did not answer the call. I concur with the general opinion expressed as to Van Buren's weakness. There were those there in the Locofoco ranks looking daggers. So much for the Cass meeting."

And so do we "concur in the general opinion of Mr. Van Buren's weakness." What attaches the people of Ohio to him? Ohio is one of the Western States. What has Mr. Van Buren ever done for the West? What affinity has he with the western people? None, none. He is a "Northern man with Southern principles," and still has no principles in common with the South.

MR. CALHOUN IN ALABAMA.

"It is melancholy to see so noble an effort fail, but the clarion blasts of chivalry which roused their noble brethren of the South have died away—the proud palmetto banner lies amidst the garbage of the cabbage stalks! The great truths and strong positions taken by the friends of Mr. Calhoun have been lost or abandoned, and it would be a matter of momentous inquiry of those who were sent up as delegates, how they suffered all their advantages thus to be yielded up. After all, this great Democratic platform is a rickety concern, and may yet crush some of the builders. There can be no question that the chivalry lacked leaders and nerve! They had no daring and chivalrous embodiments of their principles—no one to beard the lion, and send him shorn of his claws and his tongue plucked from his mouth. No, sir, they had no leaders, no concert; and after all this wonderful run as the most belligerent of parties, and especially of the Democracy, to yield without any demands—not even the poor vote of Alabama was conceded as a compliment to the giant of the South! This pacific policy has ruined Calhounism in Alabama."

We cut the above eloquent extract from the Huntsville (Ala.) Southern Advocate. It is from a letter addressed to the editor by one who evidently feels deeply and keenly at the manner in which Mr. Calhoun has been shuffled off by the Old Hunkers in that State, and of course expresses himself warmly. "There can be no question," he says, "that the chivalry lacked leaders and nerve." It was the lack of that nerve which broke down Mr. Calhoun's friends here, on the meeting of Congress. The fear of giving offence, perhaps a consciousness of weakness, induced them to consent to go into caucus—to put themselves in the net set for them by the Old Hunkers, and when once in, there was an end of them, at least for a time. But they show some mettle now, and seem disposed to "make fight" in defence of their principles of Free Trade and the District system. Although defeated, they have too much spirit to lay down their arms, and become "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for their more powerful associates. Mr. Rhett's resolution, offered in the House on Wednesday, shows this most conclusively.

The N. Y. Tribune says that acting Governor Kavanaugh, of Maine, is so ill that he was expected to resign last week, being unable to discharge the duties connected with the organization of the government for 1844.

LATE FROM HAYTI.—We learn by the Gardiner H. Wright, from Port au Prince, says the N. Y. Herald, that when she sailed a fleet of fourteen or fifteen French vessels of war were lying in that harbour awaiting the payment of the indemnity due France. Such a large fleet indicated a determination to compel payment, should the black philosophers at Hayti refuse to pay over the specie quietly without grumbling.

The New York Legislature met at Albany on the 2d inst., to deliver the annual message of the Governor was delivered. We copy the following from the New York Tribune, giving an account of the way they did things there in caucus on the day preceding, which are not unlike the doings here previous to the meeting of the House of Representatives.

Organization of the Legislature.—The Regency triumphed!—Hoffman defeated.

ALBANY, January 2, 1844.

Another collection of "grave and reverend seigniors" will assemble in the capitol to-day, to astonish the good people of this State with displays of unapproachable wisdom, pathos, and veridancy—fill a good sized octavo volume with printed matter, facetiously termed "Laws"—pocket \$2 per day, extras not included, and go home! Well! these periodical inflictions, like the Yellow Fever at New Orleans, are necessary evils, and inasmuch as we, like the Orleans, cannot "cut and run," we must "grin and bear it."

The Locofoco caucus came off last night, and the "Barnburners" were routed "horse, foot, and dragons," office, spoils, and all. Great were the chucklings of the "Old Hunkers" thereat. The whole of yesterday was spent in counting noses, and up to the time of the meeting of the caucus, both factions were sanguine of success. On the "Old Hunker" side, Seymour, Sampson, Allen, & Co., had backed out, and left the course free for Elisha Litchfield of Onondaga. The "Barnburners," too, had dropped Hubbard, Davezac, & Co., and rallied on the old "Admiral." Great were the anxieties—assiduous were the pulling of sleeves through the livelong day. The caucus was organized at 7 o'clock by the appointment of C. T. Hubbard of St. Lawrence, as Chairman, with Sanford of your city, and Gorham of Otsego, as Secretaries.

On the first ballot, victory, decided, unmistakable victory, perched upon the banners of the "Old Hunkers." The vote stood for Litchfield 56, Hoffman 35, scattering 7. Then came the tug of war. For Clerk, H. N. Wales; the late Clerk was in the field, fully panoplied for the conflict; but, unfortunately for him, the odor of the "State Hall" was found in his skirts. In other words, he held a clerkship under Flagg, and was therefore set down as a "Barnburner." The "Old Hunkers" brought forward James R. Rose, our defeated candidate for the Assembly at the last election; E. J. Porter of your city, who might better have staid at home and saved his passage money, and Benjamin Welch, the radical of the Utica Democrat, were also candidates, but neither of them made much of a raise. On the third ballot, Rose came out top of the heap, having nine majority. Wales and his barnburning friends felt on ruefully mad at this result, but they will be obliged to stand it. Rose is a young man of respectable talents, and, if he chooses, can make a very good clerk. Time will tell.

This result, so unexpected and so mortifying to the "Barnburners," is the work of your particular friend, the State Printer. Ever since the election, Crosswell has been "busy as a bee," and no stone has been left unturned to kill old "Iron Gray." The Argus has been left to take care of itself, or what is equivalent, has been entrusted to the Saratoga Luminary, whose boyish effusions, and unbounded vanity have made him the laughing-stock of the city. The result is seen. The Old Regency have triumphed, but the juniors show a strong front, and may yet give trouble.

The rest of the business of the Caucus went off quietly—the strife being confined to personal preferences. At the third ballot, Jonathan T. Couch, of Chemung, was elected Sergeant-at-Arms, over Michael Connelly, of your city, who was run and defeated as an Irishman! "Truth—every word truth." He based his claims, and his friends advocated them, on the ground that he was a New Yorker and an Irishman! and he was floored. You can draw an inference as well as I.

For Doorkeeper, John P. Davis of Ulster; for First Assistant, Daniel E. Williams of Oneida; for Second Assistant, John More, an old Revolutionary soldier, who hails from Steuben co. When, upon the third ballot, he received a majority, he was greeted with a round of applause.

So you see, New York city may quietly suck her fingers, for all the spoils her Locofoco sons can get. The West, too, is left to whistle for her pains. The "Old Hunkers" have taken all, not leaving even a crumb. Whether their victory will sit easy on their shoulders, or will prove a "thorn in the flesh," remains to be seen. Yours, &c. WATCHTOWER.

P. S. The Whigs held a Caucus in the Senate Chamber, and nominated Samuel Stevens, of Albany, for Speaker; George W. Weed, of this city, for Clerk, Daniel H. Bromley, for Sergeant-at-Arms, and Elisha W. Jenkins, for Doorkeeper.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—The New York Tribune says that on the 2d inst., about ten o'clock, a fire broke out in the second story of the rear building known as Hoe & Co.'s machine shop in Gold street. The fire raged with tremendous fury for a short time, but before any considerable damage was done to the adjoining buildings, the glorious Croton obtained the supremacy. Several neighboring establishments were somewhat injured. The loss of Hoe & Co. will probably be \$5,000 to \$6,000, and we learn that they were fully insured.

The business of Hoe & Co. will not be interrupted by the fire, as their main manufacturing buildings are in another part of the city, and the business which was done by them in the shop in Gold street was confined mostly to repairs.

The U. S. steamship Princeton, Captain Stockton, arrived at New York on Tuesday afternoon from Philadelphia, to take on board her guns.

The U. S. brig Consort, Lieut. Purviance, sailed on Saturday from Boston with stores for the squadron on the coast of Africa.

THE STATEN ISLAND MURDER.—Most of the property taken from the dwelling of Capt. Houseman had been found at different pawnbrokers' establishments in New York, and fully identified as pledged by Mrs. Bodine. Owing to her severe illness the examination had not taken place on Wednesday, but it was thought it would be made next day.

ATROCIOUS MURDER.

The Providence, R. I. Journal of Monday announces the wilful murder of Amasa Sprague, Esq., of Cranston, senior partner in the extensive manufacturing house of A. & W. Sprague, at his farm on Sunday afternoon:

He left his house about three o'clock, to go to a portion of his farm lying in Johnston, for the purpose of looking to the proper shelter of his cattle; and at about five o'clock he was found prostrated on the earth dead. Upon examination, a ball was found to have entered the front and passed out of the back of his head. A pistol was found some distance from the body, and under such circumstances as to lead to the belief that a hasty attempt was made to conceal it. It was reported that he had received another wound in the body; but when our informant left, the coroner's verdict had not been rendered, and we cannot, therefore, state it as a fact.

The Providence Chronicle of Monday evening has the following particulars:

An inquest was held on the body in Johnston, after which it was taken up and brought to the residence of the deceased; and the whole neighborhood was, of course, thrown into the most intense excitement. Another coroner's jury was summoned as soon as possible, and physicians sent for.

On examination of the body and place, it would seem that Mr. Sprague was first shot in the right arm, just near the wrist, and the blood found sprinkled in a zigzag course on the ground, showed that he had run a short distance after receiving this wound.

He was then probably overtaken by his assassin or assassins, and the murder completed with an axe or some other sharp instrument. No other bullet wound was found upon his person, with the exception of the one first alluded to, in his wrist. His head was shockingly mangled, the brain being bared in one or two places. It would seem, we are told, as if the murderer or murderers had stood over him after he was dead, and pounded his head. The body of Mr. Sprague must have been discovered not more than fifteen or twenty minutes after the murderer or murderers left him.

The verdict of the jury was, that the deceased had come to his death by wounds inflicted upon him by some person or persons to the jury unknown.

A number of our citizens went out to the spot of the murder yesterday afternoon. It would be impossible to describe the sense of horror which so fearful an announcement produced in the community. The last day of the year 1843, stamped upon the memory in such bloody characters, will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Sprague was the senior partner in the house of Messrs. A. & W. Sprague, a large manufacturing firm. The other partner is the Hon. William Sprague, one of our Senators in Congress.

No money was taken, hence the object of the assassination was not plunder. The body was found by a workman of Mr. Sprague, who was on his way to the barn where the former left his house to go.

The sheriff passed last night at Mr. Sprague's, but no arrests have as yet been made. The perpetrator or perpetrators of this act cannot escape, they must be detected sooner or later.

A reward of one thousand dollars has been offered by the friends of the deceased for the detection of the murderer.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED.—The Rochester Democrat of Saturday last says that a rumor is in town that a row occurred on the line of the Welland canal, on Tuesday last, between the Orangemen and Catholics, which, resulted in the death of eleven of the rioters. The militia were called out, and order restored with difficulty.

The steamer Hibernia sailed from Boston on Monday afternoon. She carried out 25,000 letters, and an immense number of newspapers.

SEALING WAX, which burns without a light, just received at
GILMAN'S
Drug Store.

PERMUE MATCHES, made without sulphur, and produce no unpleasant smell while burning, for sale by the grocer or single box. Also, the same article put up in tin safes for family use, just received at
GILMAN'S
Drug Store.

WISTAR'S COUGH LOZENGES.—These Lozenges cannot be too strongly recommended to public attention as a safe and effectual medicine for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c. They are very serviceable in soreness and tightness of the breast, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, &c., and give almost immediate relief in troublesome sensation, tickling in the throat, which is so tormenting in this complaint.

They have been used very extensively in this city and other places, and have given universal satisfaction to all who have used them; price 25 cents per box. A large quantity just manufactured and for sale, with directions, at
GILMAN'S,
(late Todd's), Drug Store.

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APOTHECARIES' HALL MAGNESIA, superior in every respect, to the common calcined, and quite equal to the celebrated Henry's Magnesia, and at a less price. A fresh supply of the above just received at
GILMAN'S
Drug Store.

VARIETY STORE.—The subscriber has on hand, and intends constantly keeping, a general assortment of Hardware and Cutlery, pianos and common Tin ware, Wood and Hollow ware, Baskets, and Brushes, &c., with a great variety of articles useful to housekeepers and builders, too numerous to be inserted in an advertisement; all of which he will sell as low as they can be obtained elsewhere.

Belhanging and locksmithing attended to expeditiously and at moderate prices.

The subscriber earnestly solicits a share of public patronage.

J. D. BOTELER,
dec 25—2nd 3rd fl.

PRINTING AND WRITING PAPERS of every quality and size made to order, and sold at manufacturers' prices.
R. FARNHAM,
nov 7
corner 11th st. and Penn. av.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS, beautifully bound in Turkey morocco, gilt, with plates; also, common binding. A large assortment just received, and for sale at very low prices, at
R. FARNHAM'S
Bookstore, corner 11th st. and Penn. avenue.

LOCAL NEWS.

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURES.

A meeting of the friends of Agriculture and Manufactures, was held pursuant to public notice on Wednesday evening, in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. ELLSWORTH, of the District of Columbia, and the following officers were appointed, viz:

Hon. LEVI WOODBURY, of N. H., Pres.
Hons. Joseph Vance, of Ohio; William Wilkins, of Pennsylvania; Dixon H. Lewis, of Alabama; Wm. D. Merrick, of Maryland; Thomas Clayton, of Delaware; Jacob W. Miller, of New Jersey; James J. McKay, of North Carolina; Vice Presidents.

John F. Callan, of the District of Columbia; Robert E. Hornor, of New Jersey; Secretaries.

Mr. JOHN S. SKINNER, of Washington, offered a preamble and resolutions proposing that an exhibition of the products of agriculture and manufactures be held in the city of Baltimore in May next; which were discussed some time and referred to a committee of one from each State and Territory and District of Columbia, to report at an adjourned meeting to be held on Wednesday evening next. After which the meeting adjourned.

[Why not select Washington City for the proposed exhibition? As the National Metropolis, we beg leave respectfully to recommend it to the consideration of the committee.]

NEW BOOKS.—We have received from Mr. G. Brooke, periodical agent, the "Gipsy's Ride," an Eastern tale, by N. P. Willis, being No. 11 of the Brother Jonathan Monthly Library; and "German; without a Master," on the Robertsonian method, by A. H. Monteth.

IMPUDENT ROBBERY.—Caution to Landresses.

—The clothes line of the Rev. Mr. Edwards, on Fifth street, was on yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, stripped of all the linen, &c., of his family, by a colored woman, and carried off. The theft was noticed by some of the neighbors, but supposing from her coolness of manner, that she was in the employ of the family, no regard was paid to the thief, until it was too late, and she had made her escape.

JUVENILE DEPRAVITY.—Two boys by the names of Ratcliffe and Green, were yesterday arrested by officer Beck, and brought before Justice Morsell, charged with stealing from the store of Perry & Ashby, a quantity of lace, amounting in value to the sum of ten dollars, which they had disposed of to a female for twenty-five cents. After an examination by the Justice, they were fully committed for trial at the Criminal Court.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

JANUARY 4, 1844.

INDIAN QUEEN (BROWN'S) HOTEL.

Emilie Sigur, Wm. G. Carter, T. W. Bennett, W. H. Roberts, Baltimore; W. Kendall and lady, N. Y.; W. Huggins, Robert Conrad, Capt. David Branch, Va.; W. B. Storm, S. Benton, Philadelphia; B. Hartshorn, Hon. Jos. Buffington, Hon. H. Foster, Pa.; B. R. Barker, Tenn.; W. H. Henderson, N. J.; D. Morris, Judge McLean and lady, O.; J. W. London, Ky.; J. Cross, Ala.

CITY (FULLER'S) HOTEL.

Reuben M. Whitney, Phila.; Stephen Harwood, Mass.; Nathan Nickerson, Charles R. Smith, O.; W. Kendall, N. Y.; Alexander Close, Baltimore; Capt. Plummer, Lieut. Calhoun, Lieut. Johnson, U. S. A.

EUROPEAN (GALABURN'S) HOTEL.

M. C. Younglove, Ind.; John R. Simpson, O. EXCHANGE (TYLER'S) HOTEL.

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Del.; E. G. Stacy, N. Y.; G. W. Roche, Richmond; D. S. Mayo, Wilmington, N. C.

TEMPERANCE (BEERS'S) HOTEL.

D. C. McCullum, N. Y.; Dr. Smith, N. J.; S. A. Merrill, Mass.

VIRGINIA (SWEETING'S) HOTEL.

Mr. S. Chancellor, E. Frost, T. Frazier, Mr. Garrett, J. Furr, H. Corley, John Chancellor, John Thornberry, Va.; Mr. Wells, Md.

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PORT OF GEORGETOWN.

JANUARY 4, 1844.

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Schr. J. W. Caldwell, Bradley, Philadelphia.

ST. MATTHEW'S FAIR AT CARUSI'S SALOON.—On Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., the Ladies of St. Matthew's congregation will open for sale a large and splendid assortment of fancy and useful articles. Every kind of refreshment and of confectionary will be on hand at all hours of the day and evening. To add to the enlivening interest of the occasion, among several new and unusual sources of amusement, two may be particularly for their novelty and interest: The Spanish Gipsy in her wild tent, and the newly imported Automaton Dancer, Mons. Petits Pas, both of whom will exhibit their peculiar skill on each evening during the Fair.

Admission 12 1/2 cents. Open from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

GLASS BEADS AND BUGLES.—A good assortment of Glass Beads and Bugles, suitable for trimmings for ladies' cloaks, dresses, &c., just received and for sale at
J. M. DORSETT'S
Fancy, Snuff, and Cigar store,
jan 4—No. 11, east of Gadsby's hotel.

EAGLE PLAYING CARDS.—20 groce Crehore's super Eagle Playing Cards on hand, and for sale 20 per cent. less than the manufacturer's prices, to close consignment.
J. M. DORSETT,
Fancy, Snuff, and Cigar store,
jan 2—No. 11, east of Gadsby's hotel.

BRITISH LUSTRE.—200 lbs. British Lustre, for cleaning Stoves and Grates, just received at
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(late Todd's) Drug Store.
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PERFUMERY AND FANCY ARTICLES.—German and French Colognate Water, Hair and Tooth Brushes, Combs, Assorted Extracts &c. &c. Just received at
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Drug Store.
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